

# De Finetti reductions and parallel repetition of multi-player non-local games

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For any  $k \leq n$ , denote by  $\rho^{(k)} = \text{Tr}_{(\mathbf{C}^d)^{\otimes n-k}} \rho^{(n)}$  the reduced state of  $\rho^{(n)}$  on  $(\mathbf{C}^d)^{\otimes k}$ .

Then, there exists a p.d.  $\mu$  on the set of states on  $\mathbf{C}^d$  s.t. 
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where  $\mu$  denotes the uniform p.d. over the set of mixed states on  $\mathbf{C}^d$ , and  $F$  stands for the fidelity.  
→ Follows from pinching trick.

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### Some canonical examples of applications :

- If  $\mathcal{N}^{\otimes n}(\rho^{(n)}) = \tau_0^{\otimes n}$ , for some CPTP map  $\mathcal{N}$  and state  $\tau_0$ , then

$$\rho^{(n)} \leq \text{poly}(n) \int_{\sigma} F(\tau_0, \mathcal{N}(\sigma))^{2n} \sigma^{\otimes n} d\mu(\sigma).$$

→ Exponentially small weight on states  $\sigma^{\otimes n}$  s.t.  $\mathcal{N}(\sigma) \neq \tau_0$ .

- If  $\mathcal{N}^{\otimes n}(\rho^{(n)}) = \rho^{(n)}$ , for some CPTP map  $\mathcal{N}$ , then there exists a p.d.  $\tilde{\mu}$  over the range of  $\mathcal{N}$  s.t.

$$\rho^{(n)} \leq \text{poly}(n) \int_{\sigma} F(\rho^{(n)}, \sigma^{\otimes n})^2 \sigma^{\otimes n} d\tilde{\mu}(\sigma).$$

→ No weight on states  $\sigma^{\otimes n}$  s.t.  $\sigma \notin \text{Range}(\mathcal{N})$ .

In particular : if  $\mathcal{X}$  is finite and  $P^{(n)}$  is a permutation-invariant p.d. on  $\mathcal{X}^n$ , then there exists a p.d.

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### Value of a game $G$ over a set of allowed strategies $AS(\underline{A}|\underline{X})$

Maximum winning probability for players playing  $G$  with strategies  $P \in AS(\underline{A}|\underline{X})$  :

$$\omega_{AS}(G) = \max \left\{ \sum_{\underline{a} \in \underline{A}, \underline{x} \in \underline{X}} T(\underline{x}) V(\underline{a}, \underline{x}) P(\underline{a}|\underline{x}) : P \in AS(\underline{A}|\underline{X}) \right\}$$

→ Bell functional of particular form : all coefficients in  $[0, 1]$

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- **Sub-no-signalling correlations** :  $P \in SNOS(\underline{\mathcal{A}}|\underline{\mathcal{X}})$  if

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**Remark** : To check that a conditional p.d. is NS, it is enough to check that it satisfies the NS conditions on subsets of the form  $I = [\ell] \setminus \{i\}$ , i.e. that for each  $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ , the marginal of  $P$  on  $\underline{\mathcal{A}} \setminus \mathcal{A}_i | \underline{\mathcal{X}}$  does not depend on  $x_i$ . But this is probably false for SNOS.

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### Relating the NS and the SNOS values of games

- Clearly, for any game  $G$ ,  $\omega_{NS}(G) \leq \omega_{SNOS}(G)$ . And there are examples of games  $G$  s.t.  $\omega_{SNOS}(G) = 1$  while  $\omega_{NS}(G) < 1$  (e.g. anti-correlation game).
- If  $G$  is a 2-player game, then  $\omega_{NS}(G) = \omega_{SNOS}(G)$  (reason : for any 2-party SNOS correlation, there exists a 2-party NS correlation dominating it pointwise).
- If  $G$  is an  $\ell$ -player game whose distribution  $T$  has full support, then  $\omega_{NS}(G) < 1 \Rightarrow \omega_{SNOS}(G) < 1$  (more quantitatively :  $\omega_{SNOS}(G) \geq 1 - \delta \Rightarrow \omega_{NS}(G) \geq 1 - \Gamma\delta$ , where  $\Gamma > 1$  only depends on  $T$ ).

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**Question** : For  $AS$  being either  $C$ ,  $Q$ ,  $NS$  or  $SNOS$ , we clearly have

$$\omega_{AS}(G)^n \leq \omega_{AS}(G^n) \leq \omega_{AS}(G).$$

But in the case where  $\omega_{AS}(G) < 1$ , what is the true behavior of  $\omega_{AS}(G^n)$  ? Does it decay to 0 exponentially (in  $n$ ), and if so at which rate ? More generally, does  $\omega_{AS}(G^{t/n})$  as well decay to 0 exponentially as soon as  $t/n > \omega_{AS}(G)$  ?

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